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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL COUP SUSPECTS ARRESTED

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1. THE POLICE-DIRECTED INQUIRY INTO THE ABORTIVE MARCH 26 COUP ATTEMPT IS GETTING INTO GEAR. POLICE-DIRECTOR-GENERAL GEN.MONCHAI PHANKHONGCHUN ON MARCH 29 APPOINTED 36 ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS TO THE TWO SPECIAL COMMITTEES IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

2. THE POLICE ALSO ANNOUNCED THE ARREST MARCH 29 OF DR. AMON CHANTHARASOMBUN, DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE JURIDICAL COUNCIL FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP. HE IS THE THIRD CIVILIAN TO BE ARRESTED. ALL THREE HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF TREASON AND ARE NOT BEING ALLOWED BAIL OR VISITS FROM THEIR RELATIVES. THE PLICE HAD PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED THAT RAKSAK WATTANAPHANIT AND PHICHAI WATSANAWONG

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HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON MARCH 28 ONLY FOR QUESTIONING (SEE REFTEL).

3. ACCORDING TO THE MARCH 30 PRESS, WARRANTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF ABOUT A DOZEN OTHER CIVILIANS. INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP ARE JOURNALISTS, FORMER POLITICIANS, BUSINESSMEN AND RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS.

4. VOA HEARD IN BANGKOK MORNING OF MARCH 30 (LOCAL TIME)
REPORTED WIDESPREAD ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
COUP. AS VOA CORRESPONDENT WAYNE COREY IS NOT RPT
NOT CURRENTLY IN THAILAND, WE ASSUME VOA ITEM WAS
BASED ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS. SHOULD BE CLEAR FROM
FOREGOING THAT THREE CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND
WARRANTS ARE OUT FOR ARREST OF ABOUT A DOZEN OTHERS.
IN MOST CASES PURPOSE OF ARREST IS FOR QUESTIONING ABOUT
COUP, AND WHETHER THOSE DETAINED WILL EVER BE CHARGED AND
TRIED WILL DEPEND ON COURSE OF INTERROGATION.

5. NO OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS ON ACTIVE DUTY HAVE
BEEN DETAINED SO FAR.
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